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SUBJECT: BURDENSARING

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SUMMARY. FINAL VERSION OF SYG ACTION DOCUMENT ON BURDENSARING HAS NOW BEEN SIGNED FOR PUBLICATION. EXPECT DISCUSSION IN COUNCIL EARLY JANUARY. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE FOR USE IN NAC MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. FINAL VERSION OF DOCUMENT MAINTAINS PARAS 2 AND 3 QUOTED REFTEL WITH:

A. COMPLETION OF SUB-PARA 3(B): "REDUCING THE UNITED STATES SHARE OF THE DEFICIT IN THE OPERATING COST OF THE CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE BY TWO-THIRDS."

B. SUBSTITUTION OF FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR SUB-PARA 3(C):
"INVITE COUNTRIES TO INFORM THE COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THEIR FORECAST OF THE VALUE OF THEIR MILITARY PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME (IN DOLLARS) IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FOLLOWING PERIODS:
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JULY 1974-JULY 1975

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THESE FORECASTS SHOULD INCLUDE PURCHASES MADE ON A GOVERNMENT-TO-

GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT-TO-FIRM OR ENTIRELY COMMERCIAL BASIS. WHERE THE TOTALS INCLUDE WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS 'DEFENSE-RELATED EXPENDITURE' AS OPPOSED TO STRICTLY MILITARY PROCUREMENT, THIS SHOULD BE SEPARATELY IDENTIFIED. DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSIST THE U.S. AUTHORITIES IN VALIDATING THESE FIGURES IN RELATION TO ACTUAL OR PROGRAMMED DELIVERIES OF EQUIPMENT. THESE FORECASTS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE BY 31ST JANUARY"

C. SUBSTITUTION OF FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR SUB-PARA 3(D):

"GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE OTHER OPTIONS (I,II, III, IV, VI, VII AND X) SET OUT IN THE STUDY GROUP REPORT AS A BASIS FOR MULTILATERAL OR BILATERAL ACTION, AND INVITE THE U.S. AUTHORITIES TO EXPAND FURTHER ON OPTION XI."

D. DELETION OF SUB-PARA 3(F).

2. URGENCY OF ACTIONS SUGGESTED IN PARA 3 HAS BEEN DOWNGRADED BY NEW PARA 4 AS FOLLOWS:

"ON THE OTHER HAND, WE DO NOT YET HAVE A VERY CLEAR IDEA OF THE OVERALL TARGET AT WHICH WE ARE AIMING. AS AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD HAS POINTED OUT IN HIS LETTER TO ME OF 6 TH DECEMBER, WE DO NOT YET HAVE AN AUTHORITATIVE UP-TO-DATE ESTIMATE OF THE STATIONING COST WHICH THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS TO INCUR IN FISCAL YEAR 1974, AND THERE ARE STILL SOME PROBLEMS OF DEFINITION AND EXCLUSION TO BE SETTLED. MOREOVER IT IS NOT YET ENTIRELY CLEAR OVER WHAT PERIOD OF TIME THE OFFSETTING EXPENDITURES ARE TO BE COUNTED. WE MUST, OF COURSE, LOOK FIRST TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS. I HOPE THAT IN GIVING THEM , THE US AUTHORITIES WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT OF SUPPORTING DETAIL TO DEMONSTRATE TO THEIR ALLIES HOW AND WHERE THESE COSTS ARE TO BE INCURRED.

3. MOMENTUM LOST AT DPC MINISTERIAL CAN ONLY BE RESTORED TO U.S. BURDENSARING EFFORTS WITHIN NATO AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL (SEE SEPTEL). IN ADDITION, US SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN ANSWERING SYG REQUEST TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT OF SUPPORTING DETAIL, CONFIDENTIAL

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AUTHORITATIVE UP-TO-DATE ESTIMATE OF STATIONING COSTS, AND DEFINITION OF ACCEPTABLE OFFSETS.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR NAC MEETING, POSSIBLY ON 9 JAN. RUMSFELD

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